



PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/720,173 Confirmation No.: 8867
Applicant(s): Johnstone
Filed: December 20, 2000
Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: Sheeba Ahmed
Title: ORIENTATION OF FILMS TO IMPROVE BARRIER AND UV STABILITY

Docket No.: 31707/207270
Customer No.: 00826

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

Sir:

A response to the Final Office Action of October 31, 2005 was filed on December 30, 2005, which was within two months of the final Office Action. The Advisory Action was not mailed until March 6, 2006. Accordingly, the period for reply to the final Office Action expired on March 6, 2006.

In response to the final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.